

- (a) at least one salt selected from alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts and other minerals,
- (b) at least one amino acid,
- (c) zinc oxide and/or an inorganic peroxide, and
- (d) at least one secondary plant substance selected from the group consisting of carotinoids, phytosterols, saponins, polyphenols, flavonoids, terpenes, phytoestrogens, sulfides, phytin acid, dietary fibers and combinations thereof.

**3.** (Amended) Preparation comprising the following components:

- (a) at least one salt selected from alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts and other minerals,
  - (b) at least one amino acid,
  - (c) zinc oxide and/or an inorganic peroxide,
  - (d) at least one secondary plant substance selected from the group consisting of carotinoids, phytosterols, saponins, polyphenols, flavonoids, terpenes, phytoestrogens, sulfides, phytin acid, dietary fibers and combinations thereof, and
  - (e) at least one polyunsaturated fatty acid of vegetable sources.
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C<sup>2</sup> 13. (Amended) A method of administering a preparation as described in claim 3 where the preparation is administered topically.

C<sup>3</sup> ~~17.~~ (Amended) A method of administering a preparation as described in claim 2, wherein said preparation is administered topically.

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Please add the following new claim:

C<sup>4</sup> --~~40~~. (New) A method of treating skin irritations, sun burn, cellulitis, wrinkles, acne, herpes, neurodermatitis, ozone damage, burns, caustic burns, thickenings, edemas, hematomas, hemorrhoids, rheumatism, arthrosis, or skin cancer comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a preparation as described in claim 2 or claim 3.--